LONDON, Feb. 28.—Messrs, William Walker & Son, seed, crushers at Kings Lynn, have falled.

SHOCKING RAILROAD DISASTER.

THIRTEEN PEOPLE REPORTED KILLED.

ION NEAR PARIS, ILL

A TRANSCONTINENTAL STORM.

BOSTON'S TELEPHONES DISABLED.

FIRE ALARM WIRES DOWN-ELECTRIC LIGHTS CUT

OFF AS A PRECAUTION.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

n charge of the Boston Station says the earlier storm

this week started from Manitoba last Sunday, reaching

Boston Monday night. It then went off toward the northeast, and was to-day heard from in Nova Scotia.

This last storm started from the lower lake region Wed

nesday night, and swept down South into Delaware

Breakwater, steadily increasing in force. It centred there about this morning, and then travelled Northeast-ward, reaching Provincetown, Cape Cod, about 3 p. m. The barometer at this place atood at the unusually low figure of 28.77, lower than it has ever been recorded in

Boston.

The city is dependent upon gaslight to-night, the Mayor having requested the electric light companies not to charge their wires, because of the danger to which the strong currents would subject the telegraph and telephone linemen engaged in the work of repairing.

The fire alarm wires were in working order by 9 o'clock to-night, fortunately; for a serious fire occurred soon after that hour.

A TRAIN NARROWLY ESCAPES WRECK.

A 60-toot telegraph pole containing forty wires fell eross the Boston and Albany Railroad track, near the

Columbus Avenue Station this afternoon, delaying trave

for over an hour. A passenger train had just passed, and

the last car was not more than twelve feet from the pol-

when it fell. The accident was due to the accumulation

A BIG BLOW IN CANADA.

TORONTO, Feb. 28 .- A gale of wind prevailed

broughout Ontario to-day, in some parts being accom-panied by snow. The railways are badly drifted. Trains

SNOW IN THE HUDSON VALLEY.

A NEWSPAPER'S CHANGE OF FRONT.

REPUBLICAN COLORS.

OIL ON TROUBLED WATERS.

HOW A STEAMER'S PERIL IN A HURRICANE WAS

LESSENED.

(BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.)

the steamship James Turpie, who arrived at this port to-day from Algeria, with iron ore, states that on February

23 the steamer entered a hurricate that lasted twelve

ours. The officacy of throwing oil on the troubled waters

had been read of by the captain, and he concluded to try

PACIFIC TAX SUITS DECIDED.

Sawyer this morning decided the railroad tax cases it

oad companies, except in Monterey, Santa Clara, Sar

A BIG STRIKE COAL MINERS.

NEW BUILDINGS AT DARTMOUTH.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 28 .- At a meeting of

the trastees of Dartmouth College here to-day, it was

ALBANYS SUCCESS IN BRUSSELS.

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES.

THE ST. ALBANS TRUST COMPANY.
St. ALBANS, Vt., Feb. 28.—In the cases of appeal from
Chancellor Royce's order conserming the distribution of
the St. Albans Trust Company's assets, the Supreme
Court has sustained the chancellor's decree for equal distemption.

A FOOT-RACE CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

A NEW MARINE FOG SIGNAL.

Boston, Feb. 28.—The steamship Decatur H. Miller from Baltimore for Boston, passed Highland Light thi morning during a thick fog. She announced her name to the signal officer with her steam whistie, by a code previously arranged.

Baltimore, Feb. 28 .- Captain M. Smith, of

ORY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. I

DECIDED ACTION BY THE STATE SENATE

TIXING A PRECEDENT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION-THE PRISONER SENT TO ALBANY JAIL,

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Feb. 28.—The Senate has had the appearance of a court of law to-day, while engaged in considering William McDonald's refusal to answer the questions addressed to him in New-York concerning materials furnished the Department of Public Works. Altogether, seven hours were consumed in the proceedings, not including an address of one hour by Mr. Ecclesine, the prisoner's counsel. All the testimony taken at the time McDonald committed his contempt was read to the Senate. Mr. Ecclesine argued that the Senate had atempted without constitutional right to obtain the particulars of McDonald's private business; and the Senate then passed resolutions declaring McDonald in contempt, and ordering him to be imprisoned in the Albany County Jail until he consents to answer the questions. Mr. Ecclesine left the Capitol, it is Amendment itself. It was quickly observable that questions. Mr. Ecclesine left the Capitol, it is said, with the intention of endeavoring to get the release of his client on a writ of habeas corpus.

THE PROCEEDINGS IN DETAIL. When McDonald was brought before the bar of the Senate Mr. Ecclesine opened his argument by presenting an affidavit from McDonald. The Lieutenant Governor informed the counsel that the Sen-ate had not authorized the counsel to submit any affldavit, and that the affidavit could not be read. Mr. Vedder offered a resolution allowing the prisoner to submit such affidavits as the counsel deemed necessary to show why he should not be punished for contempt. This was amended by Mr. Lansing so as to limit the affidavits to the matter offered in extenuation of the contempt. Thereupon Mr. Mc-Donald's affidavit was read.

It affirmed that the witness had intended no discourtesy to the Senate or its committee; that he had not refused to answer proper questions concerning his contracts with the Department of Public Works: that he believed he was entitled to counsel as a matter of right, and not as matter of courtesy; that he believed the questions he declined to answer were improper and immaterial, as they related to his private business, and finally, that he was now prepared to attend the meetings of the committee, accompanied by his counsel, and answer all proper and material questions relating to his contracts with the Department of Public Works.

MR. GIBBS INDIGNANT. As the Clerk read the last words of the affidavit, Mr. Gibbs, the chairman of the Committee, whose questions Mr. McDonald refused to answer, arose and indignantly declared that the affidavit was an insult to the Senate. He offered a resolution declaring Mr. McDonald in contempt of Senate, remanding him to custody of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and directing that he be sentenced to incarceration in the Albany County Jail until he was willing to answer the questions of the committee, but that his imprisonment should not extend beyond the adjournment of the session of the Legislature.

Senator Murphy declared that this was an unparalleled proceeding. It was proposed to hold the prisoner in contempt before he had an opportunity fairly to present his case, and before the Senate had been furnished with the record of the proceedings in which contempt had been shown. He moved to table the resolution until counsel had concluded the prisoner's defence.

Mr. Lansing affirmed the constitutional rights of the Senate to prosecute the inquiry in the full st degree. The State Senate, he said, exercises every degree. The State Senate, he said, exercises every power of government, except where it is specially restricted by the Constitution. The personal right's of the witness were fully secured, as the committee had informed him that he need answer no questions tending to criminate himself. The questions asked were pertinent. To say that this witness was not guilty of contempt, is to assert that the witness or counsel is to be the judge as to what questions are improper, and not the court trying the case. The witness had counsel by courtesy and not by right. McDonald was not on trial. Mr. Thatcher argued that McDonald was a prespective criminal, as it was sought to prove a collusion between McDonald and Hubert O. Thompson.

MR. LANSING OPPOSED TO SURRENDER. Mr. Lausing said that the failure to adjudge witness in contempt would be an abrogation of the power of the Senate and a surrender of the right to punish for contempt affirmed by the statute and constitutional powers. An amendment to Mr. Gibbs's resolution, imprisoning the witness in the Capitol was lost.

Mr. Gibbs then substituted for his original reso Intion one declaring McDonald in contempt of the Senate, and it was adopted by a vote of 22 to 3, the atter being Messrs. Murphy, Plunkitt and Van

Schaick.

Mr. Lansing moved that the prisoner be brought to the bar of the house and reply yes or no to the question whether he would answer the questions but by the committee. The motion was carried, and McDonald nervously declared that he could not answer yes or no from information. A communication from counsel, stating that the witness would answer all proper and material questions if allowed counsel, was read.

would answer all proper and material questions it allowed counsel, was read.

Mr. Gibbs offered a resolution remanding the witness, as he had been adjudged in contempt, and directing his incarceration in the Albany County Jail. The resolution was adopted. Yeas, 16: Nays, 3—Van Schaick, Plunkitt and Murphy. The prisoner was brought again before the bar and notified by the president of the Senate's action. Mr. McDonald waved his band to the president in acknowledgment of the sentence.

THE ROOSEVELT BILL.

IT IS AGREED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE TO RE-PORT IT WITHOUT AMENDMENT. [BT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ALBANY, Feb. 27.-The Senate Committee on Cities gave a hearing to-day on Assemblyman Roosevelt's bill depriving the Board of Aldermen of New-York of the right of confirming the Mayor's nominations of heads of city departments. John H. Strahan appeared to oppose the bill, and the following members of the Cooper Institute Committee in favor of it : Douglass Campbell, Frederic A. Condert, J. Tallmadge Van Rensselaer, S. V. R. Cruger, Henry L. Sprague, James Talcott, J. E. Scott, C. D. Ingersoll, Julius Hamerslough and James D. Hawes. Mr. Strahan reviewed the history of the Board of Aldermen and argued that it was a most indispensable wheel in the city machinery. The Citizens' Committee ought it unnecessary to make an argument for the bill, all the members of the committee having been made acquainted with its good features before the hearing was given.

The committee then went into executive session on the bill. Senator Daly offered two amendments one providing for the submission of the abolition of the confirmatory power to the voters of New-York at the next election, and the other providing for the election of the Controller of New-York. Senator Gibbs earnestly opposed the adoption of any amendment, arguing that any modification of the bill by the Senate might lead to its defeat in the Assembly, upon the return of the measure to that body. Senators Daly, Cullen and McCarthy voted In favor of amending the bill so as to provide for the election of the Controller, but were defeated by the votes of the other members of the committee, Senators Gibbs, Diggett, Lansing and Thatcher.
Senators Daly and Cullen alone voted in favor of
the amendment providing for the submission of the
abolition of the confirmatory power to the people.
The committee voted six to one, Senator Cullen
alone dissenting, in favor of reporting the bill
feverably to the Senate. Senator Gipps submitted
this favorable report at the afternoon session of the
Senate. He would have asked that the bill be
considered in the first committee of the whole, not
full, but that some of the supporters of the bill
were absent and their votes were needed to carry
the motion.

Upon the motion of Senator Gibbs the bill was Senators Gibbs, Diggett, Lansing and Thatcher.

Upon the motion of Senator Gibbs the bill was made a special order for Wednesday next.

FEEDING THE JURORS. ALBANY, Feb. 28 .- When the bill allowing the Sheriff of the County of New-York to furnish food to

jurors in certain cases, at the public expense, was annonnced for its third reading in the Assembly to-day, Mr. Roosevelt moved to strike out the enacting clause. He believed that the Sheriff should be compelled to furnish the food necessary at his own expense. Mr. Van Allen favored the bill. He said that the presiding Judge must unite with the Sheriff in ordering such supplies. Most of the Judges in New-York had asked for its passage. The motion to strike out the enacting clause was withdrawn, but the bill was rejected. Yeas, 46; nays, 43.

THE PROHIBITORY AMENDMENT.

A VOTE IN THE ASSEMBLY THAT AMOUNTS TO ITS DEFEAT.

ALBANY, Feb. 28 .- The Rev. W. H. Olin, upon discovering this morning that 124 of the 128 mem-bers of the Assembly were present, called up his Pronibitory Amendment. Before a vote could be taken, however, Mr. Hubbell, a Republican, thrust forward his two amendments to the Amendment; one prohibiting the sale of malt liquors, and the other probibiting the sale of distilled liquors. There was a brief debate on both measures. By a vote of 110 to 2, these amendnearly all the members from rural counties, without distinction of party, were voting for the Amendment, while the city members, Republicans and Democrats, were voting against it. Thus twenty-two of the twenty-four New-York Assemblymen voted against it, and only one, Mr. Howe, in its favor. Several of the Republican members who voted for the measure said that personally they did not favor it, but in view of the promise made by the last Republican State Committee that the Amendment would be submitted to the people for their decision they should east their votes for it.

When the votes were counted it was found that sixtyone Assemblymen had voted in favor of the Amendmen one Assemblymen had voted in favor of the Amendment and sixty-three against it. The four absentees were Messrs. Ely, Heath, Kelly and C. Smith. Mr., Ely and Mr. Heath would probably vote in favor of the Amendment, and it is known that Mr. Kelly and Mr. Smith are opposed to it. There is, therefore, a clear majority against the Amendment. Fifty-three of the sixty-one votes in its favor were given by Republicans. Forty-six of the sixty-three votes against the Amendment were those of Democrats. The vote in detail was as follows (Republicans in Roman and Democrats in italic);

		ATES,	
Allen, Bailey, Baker, Baraes, Baraes, Becker, Becker, Beoynton, Briggs, Brown, C. W., Brown, J. H., Cartwright, Childs, Clapp,	Curtis, Dibble, Erwin, Farnum, Forsyth, Garbutt, Hall, Hasbrouck, Haskell, Hawkins, Hendricks, Hodges, Horton, Howe,	Hunt, Husted, Johnson, G. E. Jones, Jorce, Kruse, Locke, S. D., Locke, E. R., McLabe, Nash, Notson, Olim, O'Neil,	Otis. Owen, Palmer, Pelraon, Pratt, Price, Priddy, Scott, Seeber, Sweet, Tremper, Van Juzer, Veeder, Westfall, Speaker.—61.
	NAT	78.	The state of the s
Ackroyd, Binder, Brogan, Burns, Butler, Cady, Churke, Clinton, Coffey, Cratg, Dayron,	Donohue, Dreiss, Drefy, Earl, Furrell, Felter, Gedden, Hagparly, Harpending, Higgins, Hooley, Hubbell,	Kent, Kittle, Lewis, Lindsoy, Littlejohn, Maher, McDonald, Miles, Moore, Mullaney, Murray, Murray, Nagle,	Osborne, Rice, Roche, Roche, Rosevelt, Rosenthal, Sboemaker, Sipp. Smith, W. E. Taylor, Van Allen, Van Cott, Walrath, Whiteman,

Dimmick, Johnson, S. W. Oliver, — 03.

The vote by which the amendment was defeated was reconsidered, and the measure was laid on the table. Its supporters have faint hopes of passing it, Indeed Mr. Hunt, one of the most prominent Prohibitionists, announced that as the temperance men of the State were divided on the Prohibition Amendment they should now attempt to pass Mr. Roosevelt's High License bill. This bill was reported avorably by the Assembly Committee on Internal Affairs this morning. Messrs. Hunt and Horton, Prohibitionists, and Walrath, Democrat, dissenting.

THE PRISON LABOR PROBLEM. IRY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

ALBANY, Feb. 28 .- The Assembly passed today Mr. Howe's bill extending the time within which the Prison Labor Commission may report, to one year. The Democrats, who are much disappointed because the Republicans have complied with the request of the Republicans have complied with the request of the workingmen that the contract labor system is the State prisons should be abolished, resisted the phasage of the bill. Mr. Hooley, the representative of the Working Men's Associations of the State, said that the Republican Legislature had done far more for the working men than the Democratic Legislature a year ago. That Legislature had declined to abolish the contract system, while the Republican Legislature had abolished the system. Moreover the Republican Legislature was now attempting to provide some substitute for the contract system by giving the Frison Labor Commission plenty of time to do its work. Some substitute ought to be obtained. In Mr. Hooley's opinion, there was great danger that the contract system would be re-established. The bill was then passed by a vote of 68 to 49.

THROUGH NEW YORK STATE. MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

HARMONIOUS CAUCUSES-PROMISE OF A LIVELY CONTEST NEXT TUESDAY. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

UTICA, Feb. 28.-The Democratic City Convention, held at noon to-day, was largely attended, and proved spirited and harmonious. The following were ominated: For Mayor, Lewis H. Shattuck; City Judge, P. F. Bulger; School Commissioner, John Coyne; Charity Commissioner, Joseph Faass. The ticket is recognized as

The Republican Convention was held this evening, and manimously nominated, for Mayor, S. F. Sherman; City Unanimously institute to a consistency. J. F. Earli; Charity Commissioner, William O'Harra. The convention was harmonious. The nominations on all teasts were made as previously predicted by The Tribuxe. A spirited contest is anticipated on Tuesday next, as there are three good tickets in the field. The Citizens' ticket will

ROCHESTER, Fb. 28.-The Republican City Convention to night remominated C. R. Parsons for Mayor. William Wagner was mominated ac a member of the Executive

THE BOLTING HAMILTON SENIORS. UTICA, Feb. 8 .- At a meeting of the senior class of Hamilton College held to-day, thirty-nine members being present, it was learned that the parents of thirty-one favored the position of the students, five supported the Faculty, and three were undecided. It was reported the racinty, and three were indeceded. It was re-solved to obtain legal advice and to empower the execu-tive committee of the class to place the matter before the Board of Trustees of the College. But one member of the class has returned—s student from Bulgaria. The class will await the action of the College Trustees.

INSANE ASYLUM MANAGEMENT.

Utica, Feb. 28 .- The committee investigating the management of the State Insane Asylum had a nference at Baggs's Hotel to-night, and afterward examined John Hughes, of Nelson, Madison County, whose father, Evan D. Hughes, died from the effects of injuries received at the asylum. The committee will on Friday and Sturday. All the session s will be private.

THE HOUSE OF REFUGE INQUIRY. ROCHESTER, Feb. 28-The House of Refuge Investigating Committee to-day heard testimony showing the efficiency of Superintendent Fulton in the financial management, and blaming employes, now discharged, for the alleged crueities. The examination will come to a the alleged cruelties. T close on Saturday night.

COMING NEW-JERSEY CONVENTIONS, THE REPUBLICAN DATE CHANGED-DEMOCRATS NOT

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] TRENTON, Feb. 28.-The Republican State Executive Committee fixed upon April 23 as the date for holding the State Convention to elect delegates at large to Chicago, without consulting with the managers of Taylor's Opera House, in which it will have to be held. Afte the call had been issued, it was found that the hall had

the call had been issued, it was found that the hall had been engaged for that date and no arrangement could be made for securing it. The committee were thus compelled to issue to-day a new call in which April 17 is set as the day for the convention.

At a meeting in this city to-day, the Democratic State Committee transacted some routine business, but did not fix the date for the State Convention to elect delegates to Chicago. This will probably be done at a meeting next week. Some day late in May will be chosen. The committee made an official call on Governor Abbett during the afternoon. The members of the committee were interrogated as to their preferences for the Presidential nomination. A majority of them favored Tilden. Payne was next, and Bayard third choice.

HONORING LIEUTENANT HARBER.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TELEUNE. Youngstown, Feb. 28 .- This evening the citizens tendered Lieutenant Giles B. Harber, of the United States Navy, a banquet and ballecilpsing in elegant appointments anything ever given in Eastern Onlo. Lieutenant Harber was born here and lived here until he entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and always has een a great social favorite. All his friends considered it only a fitting acknowledgment to his well-known sagacity bravery that he should have been selected

from one hundred and twenty-five volunteers for the severe task of searching the Siberian coast of the Arctic region for Lieutenant Chipp and party, of the ill-fated Jeannette. After two years exposure to Arctic storms and horrors he returns home to be welcomed with the great evation of this evening. At 7:30 two hundred and fifty invited guests sat down to a banquet in Diamond Hall, adjoining the opera house. Just before the first course, Mayor Lawther arose, extending formally the welcome of the City of Youngstown, and later on, Thomas H. Wells proposed the toast "Welcome Home," in an eloquent manner, Lieutenaut Harber replying briefly, but eloquent manner, Lieutenant Harber replying briefly, but feelingly. Among other toasts were, "The Navy," response by Judge L. W. King; "The Press and Telegraph," Mason Evans: "A School Master's Recollections," Professor R. McMilian; "The Ladies of America and Siberia," Tod Ford. After the banquet a grand hall followed in the opera house, which was brilliant with decorations and beautiful with flowers. Five hundred invitations were issued for the hell, and the opera house was filled with a gay and distinguished assemblage. The floor for dancing was laid over the orchestra chairs, parquet and stage. It was hoped by the committee that Lieutenant Schuetze, Lieutenant Harber's companion, would attend the festivities, but he was unable to get here.

WONDERFUL STORM FREAKS.

THREE SEPARATE TORNADOES IN SOUTH CAROLINA -A FIERY CLOUD.

[BT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] COLUMBIA,S. C., Feb. 28 .- The great storm of February 19 assumed the proportions of a disaster in no less than sixteen of the thirty-four counties of this State. It seems impossible to trace continuouly the course in which the cyclone travelled in passing over the State. Barnwell, Aiken, Edgefield, Abbeville and Anderson are all on the western border of the State, along the Savannah River, and three distinct tornadoes appear to have entered the State from Georgia. One passed along the boundary line between Barnwell and Alken; one between Edge field and Abbeville, and a third striking about the middle of Anderson County. As account after account comes in om remote points, the disasters swell in proportion-Many singular incidents and accidents and miraculous

A trustworthy man of Aiken County who suffered severe losses says the roof of his barn was taken off, and the dry fodder caught up in the whirlwind, and as it was being carried round and round a sheet of lightning passing through ignited the fodder and for a distance of one mile the cloud appeared to be a massive sheet of flame. He describes this scene as grand beyond conception. He narrowly escaped being caught up in the flery element.

His face was badly burned.

B. F. Williamson, of the same county, who lost everything he had, was caught under his house by the falling timbers, and had his collar bone broken. A pocketbook containing \$6 60 was blown out of a trunk. He found \$6 of the money out in the woods, but the pocketbook he could not find.

A CHURCH ALL SHATTERED BUT THE PULPIT. J. C. Munday, who resides near Windsor, seven miles from the track of the storm; was surprised the next morning to find his fields strewn with debris. Quantities of moss and bark from trees in a swamp five miles distant, clothing, bedding, portions of a buggy and numer-ous other articles were scattered over his plantation. In the neighborhood of Shelton, Fairfield County, the disaster beggared description. The large and costly mansion of C. K. Robb was shaken from its foundation and damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars. Twenty-five tenant houses upon Mr. Robb's place were utterly demoished, and the debris swept miles away.

Upon the same place three negroes were instantly killed, and a number of others escaped with broken limbs, bruised heads and mangled bodies, some of whom are expected to die.

One of the adventurers on the premises during the storm states that he was taken up into the bosom of the storm, and carried through a de-se forest of trees a distance of 100 yards before touching land. He was considerably hurt, but is now slowly recovering. Ten or twelve lives were lost during and by the storm, and the property loss in the county will range between \$50,000 and \$75,000.

Martin Mingo, a colored man of Midway, weighing 200 don of C. K. Robb was shaken from its foundation and

and \$75,000.

Martin Mingo, a colored man of Midway, weighing 200 pounds, was blown 200 yards. At the edge of a swamp he caught a small bush, and held on until the storm was over. His overcoat was blown four miles. His house was destroyed, and all the funates painfully injured. Mount Carmel church, a large wooden structure in Williamsburg County, was entirely destroyed with the exception of the pulpit, which, with the Bible and hymn book upon it, was left undisturbed.

SWINDLED BY A WIZARD. A BALTIMORE WOMAN RESORTS TO WITCHCRAFT TO PIND TREASURE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

BALTIMORE, Feb. 28 .- Mrs. Caroffne Jentener's mother. Mrs. Lu dwig Schumacher, died several months ago, and left \$4,000 which Mrs. Jentener and her brother were entitled to. They tried to find the money but failed. Mrs. Jentener thought that perhaps her brother might have hidden it; and hearing that he visited at Mrs. Weber's, at Sextonville, Mrs. Jentener cultivated Mrs. Weber's acquaintance, and finally made her a promof \$200 if she could find out where the money was. Mrs. Weber did not ascertain, but met a wizard who agreed to discover the concealed treasure by the exercise of his occult arts. Mrs. Jentener promised

cise of his occult arts. Mrs. Jentener promised to com to a large oak tree near Sextonville Monday night. The wizard was to call up the spirit of the mother of Mrs. Jentener, who would bring her the money; and Mrs. Jentener was to pay the wizard \$10 for his services and give the ghost \$200.

At the appointed time Mrs. Jentener, accompanied by her husband, repaired to the old oak tree, where they were met by the wizard. Suddenly a form robed in black, but with a white shroud over its head, emericed from the gloom and stood before Mrs. Jentener, reaching out a tin box. The wizard took the box, saying to Mrs. Jentener in a thrilling whisper, "Your money is in this box, but you must not open it till you go home." Meanwhile the ghostly visitant disappeared. The Wizard got his \$10 and departed. The Jenteners hurried home and opened the box. It had in it only paper and rubbish. Indignant at the frand the disappointed woman hastened next morning to make a charge of swindling against Mrs. Weber, who succeeded in proving her good faith. Mrs. Jentener thereupon withirew the charge. The pretended ghost and the wizard nave disappeared.

OPERA NEXT WEEK IN BOSTON.

MR. ABBEY'S EXTENSIVE REPETORY-LARGE AD-VANCE SALES, IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

Boston, Feb. 28.-Mr. Abbey's closing week of opera for this season in Boston, which begins next Monday night at the Boston Theatre, gives promise of being a brilliant and profitable engagement. Despite the fact that it has stormed heavily and almost incessantly since the sale was begun, leaving the streets in an exceedingly unpleasant condition, there has been a steady demand for seats, the sales in two days amounting to demand for seats, the sales in two days amounting to about \$9,000. A new bill is promised for each of the seven performances, the series embracing "Hamlet," "Mefistofele," "Robert le Diable," "Don Giovanni," "Le Prophete," "Il Barbiere," "La Gloconda," The perform-ance of "Don Giovanni" will be a notable one in Boston, as Sembrich and Nilsson are both in the east. The scale of prices for that night, \$6, \$4 and \$2, may possibly prove too high to fill the house; but the manager says he can-not afford to give the opera with such talent at smaller fleures.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

COLUMBAI, S. C., Feb. 28.-Edward Stanley and John Harris, respectable young white men, residing in the neighborhood of Varnville, left that village together yesterday for their homes. They were on the most friendly terms. On the road they became involved in a dispute about a young woman for whose hand they were rival suitors. Stanley pulled a pistol from his pocket and shot Harris through the head, from the effects of which he died in a few hours. Stanley has fled.

DESERTED FOR 4 BASER MAN. A MARRIED WOMAN IN OHIS ABANDONS HER HUS-

BAND AND CHILD. INY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CANTON, Ohio, Feb. 28 .- Mrs. Florence Rupert, a hand-some blonde, twenty-four years of age, and wife of the head bookkeeper of the Lawrence & Myers Manufacturing Company, suddenly disappeared last night, and to-day it is known that she eloped with George Williams, a twenty-four year old son of ex-Policeman Williams. Before his departure he secured over \$1,000, winnams. Before his departure he secured over \$1,000, which the guilty pair took with them. Mrs. Rapert left a five year old daughter, a handsome child, and the pet of its father. It is supposed the couple have gone West. They were seen in Cleveland at an early hour this morning. Rupert is nearly crazy over his wife's escapade. They had apparently lived happily together, and moved in good society.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES - BY TELEGRAPH.

A PENSION AGENT IN TROUBLE.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—4n. And Ames, who was recently removed from office as Government Pension Agenl, was arrested this morning for alleged malifeasance in office.

AN OLD MAN'S REASON FOR SEEKING DEATH.
BALTIMORE, Feb 28.—John Thacker, are skriy, out his throat this morning, but was discovered, and the yound dressed. He says he will surely kill himself. He says that his wife cannot speak English, and for that he beats her, and his reason for trying to take his life is that he has no one to work for him.

TELLING WHO STRUCK THE FATAL BLOW.

TELLING WHO STRUCK THE FATAL BLOW. PHILADALPHIA, Feb. 28.—James O'Frien, one of the men arrested for the number of William J. Pugh, has made a confession to the effect that the fatal blow was struck by William Cosby, another prisoner.

NEW-YORK, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1884. NEW PLOTS WITH DYNAMITE.

INFERNAL MACHINES IN ENGLAND.

AFFARENTLY SENT FROM AMERICA-LOOKING FOR THE CRIMINALS.

LONDON, Feb. 28.-The clerk of the cloak room of the Charing Cross railway station opened at midnight a suspicious looking box. He heard a noise like the ticking of a clock inside of a heavy valise. He forthwith handed the valise over to the police, who sent it to Woolwich. One was circulated that the police found a large quantity of explosives under the Charing Cross railway station, but it has not been confirmed. The railway officials deny it. The officials at the station apprehended that some outrage would be attempted early this morning. The valise contained a tin box with a quantity of dynamite fastened around it. Within the tin box was a clock movement connected with a loaded revolver and timed to run four hours before discharging the revolver. Luckily when the hammer of the revolver had fallen the cartridge had failed to explode, and a disaster was thus averted. The valise was deposited in the cloak room on Monday night. It contained twenty pounds of dynamite. It is believed that the conspirators intended that this machine should explode simultaneously with that at the Victoria railway station.

The clock movement is of American make. The dynamite and clockwork were packed in a clothes value exactly like the value found at the

dynamite and clockwork were packed in a clothes valise exactly like the valise found at the Victoria railway station, which is supposed to have caused the explosion there on Tuesday morning. There is no clew to the person who left the valise in the Charing Cross station. If it had exploded it would have done much greater damage than that at the Victoria station, as the cloak-room is built under a hotel.

The detectives have kept a close watch upon the resorts of the Irish Nationalists in London. But they have made no discoveries, It is believed that the dynamite conspiracy is managed wholly abroad and that the conspirators hold no connection with the Fennan or National circles here.

In the House of Commons to-day Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Home Secretary, stated that a third infernal machine had been discovered at the Paddington railway station. The machine was of American manufacture and contained dynamite. The machine was inside a valise attached to a cash box. It consisted of a mass of twenty pounds of dynamite, in which was imbedded an American alarm-clock pistol. The hammer of the pistol was raised.

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A score of agents and French police have been engaged in tracking the movements of certain suspicious persons. The "suspects" were traced from Havre to Paris, and then to Brussels, but were lost sight of beyond Brussels. There is no evidence that dynamite supplies have been received information that explosive materials and infernal machines have been sent from America through Hamburg. The names and residences of the five "suspects" watched by French officers are as follows: Michael Manrice, No. 640 Fulton-st., Buffalo, N. Y.; Patrick Dillon, 171 Oliver-st., Paterson, N. J.; John Liston and Eichard Liston, Denison City, Fex., and Thomas Ryau, 127 Tweuty-fifth-st., Brooklyn, N. Y. The police seem to have no positive proof to convict them with the London plots The French Government has instructed the Frenchunglish police. A score of agents and French police have been

RUMORS OF BATTLE NOT CONFIRMED. SO OFFICIAL NEWS OF AN ALLEGED VICTORY IN

THE SOUDAN. LONDON, Feb. 29.—A report was received from Trinkitat of a battle this morning in which General Graham was said to have been victorious. The report has not been confirmed. is expected that a battle will certainly be fought to-day. The War Office has no information regarding a rebel defeat, and the

make no mention of such an occurrence, A dispatch from Trink, tat dated last night to The Do ly relegraph stated that the English expedition started for Fort Baker yesterday afternoon, and intended to bivouac there last night and advance on

special dispatches to Reuter's Telegram Company

Teb to-day.

Cairo, Feb. 28.—Fresh directions have been sent to General Graham repeating the previous orders to restrict his operations to the defence of Suakim Two Egyptian battalions have started for Assouan.

WHAT WILL THE REICHSTAG DO !

A PLAN TO RECOGNIZE THE RESOLUTION OF THE

Berlin, Feb. 28 .- The leading politicians here are discussing the question whether or not the Reichstag will adopt a resolution thanking the House of Pepresentatives for its resolution of condolence on the death of Herr Lasker. The Secessionists will propose such a resolution, and the Progressists will probably support them. The atti-tude of the Nationalists and the members of the Several of the Berlin papers which hold friendy

relations with Minister Sargent assert that the question of his recali has not been raised.

Many inquiries have been received at the White House at Washington, relative to Mr. Sargent's possible recall. To all such the Secretary of the President returns the un qualified answer: "There is no thought of recaling M

THE FEIENDSHIP OF THE POWERS. VIENNA, Feb. 28,-The semi-official aliance

between Russia and Germany is warmly welcomed here the Austrian policy. Austria will continue to attach the greatest importance to Italy's participation in the diliance. France, probably, will also appreciate Russia's dilesson to the peace alliance.

ROME, Feb. 23.—The accord between Russia and the Vatican is complete. A Russian Minister to the Vatican will be appointed. The vacant sees will be flied at the coming consistory.

MR. GLADSTONE'S FRANCHISE BILL. LONDON, Feb. 28.-Mr. Gladstone introduced n the House of Commons to-night a franchise bill which e said would strengthen the State by enfranchising the claise. America, he declared, had only recovered from the civil war so quickly because of the fact that every capable citizen had been intrusted with the rights of franchise. people who are capable of exercising the rights of fire

IMPEACHING A CANADIAN MINISTER. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28 .- A writ was served on Sir charles Tupper, the minister of Raliways, to-day, for itting in Parliament, in violation of the Independence of Parliament Act, while holding office of High Commi sioner. The Hon, E. Binke moves his impeachment.

AN ENGLISH ESTIMATE OF MR. HUNT. London, Feb. 28 .- The Times this morning as an opiluary notice of the late W. H. Hunt, in which it " Mr. Hunt was a Southerner, honest and sturdy, and of venerable presence. He might well have sat to a painter as a type of the Puritan father. His was a prom ment head amongst the crowd of diplomats present at the oronation at the Kremlin last May. Hospitality was owhere more freely or graciously dispensed than at his legant bired villa in Moscow, over which waved the Stars of the May o

THE CANADIAN PACIFIC LOAN. TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28. - Parliament to-night passed to a third reading the bill for a loan of \$22,500,-000 to the Canadian Pacific Railway. The company are sure of their loan, as the bill now has only to pass the Senate, where the Government have a majority of four to one, to become a law. The matter, over which there has been three weeks of hard flighting in the House of Com-mons, is now practically settled.

FOREIGN NOTES. ROME, Feb. 28.-A duel with swords was fought yester day between the Marquis Antaldi and Signor Belgiojoso

member of the Chamber of Deputies. It grew out of a dispute between the two in the court ball at the Quirinal Palace. Signor Belgioloso was wounded in the nand. Paris, Fe . 28.-It is reported that the sentence of Prince Krapotkine has been commuted to banishment, MILAN, Feb. 28.—Commendatore Barails, Director of the Milan Mint, committed suicide last night by shooting himself through the brain with a revolver.

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LONDON, Feb. 28.—It has been decided to land the Mackey cable at Waterville, between the stations of the Angle-American and United States Direct Cable companies.

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AN ENTIRE FAMILY THE VICTIMS.

THE MOTHER LEAPS FROM A WINDOW-THE OTHERS KILLED IN THEIR ROOMS.

Policeman James Mulligan saw smoke rising THE NUMBER OF INJURED NOT KNOWN-A COLLISfrom the roofs of the three-story frame dwelling. ouses Nos. 324 and 326 Stanton-st. at 3:35 a. m. CHICAGO, Feb. 28 .- A dispatch to The Daily News yesterday. He forced open the door of No. 326 and saw a blaze in the hallway on the top floor. A from Paris, Ill., says a local east-bound passenger train on the Indianapolis and St. Louis Road, which left here for Indianapolis at 12 o'clock tofront window on that floor was raised and Mulligan heard a woman's cry for help. As he went back to the sidewalk to send out an alarm the woman day, came into collision with a Westthrew herself from the window to the sidewalk. bound through freight train when one mile east of here. The engines of both trains were demolished and Fireman Lindsey of the freight train
was instantly killed. The ca s are splintered and
piled in a complete wreck. Many passengers were
hurt; but at present the number and names of the
killed and injured cannot be ascertained. It is rumured that twelve were killed. The accident is
ascribed to disobedience of orders. Mulligan did not seeher fall, but stumbled over her as he left the house. Front windows of both houses the lower floors were opened and frightened persons thrust out their heads to inquire what was the matter. Within three minutes Engine Company No. 11 arrived from Houston-st., and Foreman Fisher directed a line of hose to be carried into No. 324. Many inmates of the two houses had escaped in the meantime. The woman who had jumped from the window was dead, and firemen helped to carry her body to a house on the opposite side of the street. She was Mrs. Rebecca Van Riper. Her husband, Cornelius Van Riper, and her three children were missing. BOSTON, Feb. 28.—The Signal Service officers

ESCAPING BY THE ROOF. Francis Weaver, a young painter, who lived alone in two rear rooms on the top floor of No. 326, and who escaped by the roof, told the firemen that he had seen Mr. Van Riper in the hallway before the stairs took fire. The Van Riper family occupied the two front rooms on the same floor. When Weaver was aroused by the smoke he went to the landing and saw Vap Riper come out of the front room.

"What is the matter ?" Weaver inquired. "I suppose the house is on fire," Van Riper replied; "I must get my wife and children out." Both men were in their night clothing. Weavet went back to his room and hastily got on some

other garments. When he was ready to leave the house the flames filled the hallway. He opened a window and climbed to the roof. Through the adjoining building, No. 328, he reached the street. He thought the Van Riper family had perished. David Ryan, a widower, who owned No. 326, slept in his coal and wood store on the first floor. His unmarried sister and niece, Margaret and Ellen Ryan, slept in a rear room on the second floor. When he

of snow upon the wires. The pole showed that it had been set in the ground only four and one-haif feet. slept in a rear room on the second floor. When he was aroused by the shouts of Mulligan, he went up-stairs through the smoke, and met his niece on the second landing. She was calling to her aunt to follow her. Ryan took hold of his sister and helped her down stairs, his niece going before them. They got out of the building just as the firemen arrived. The front rooms on the second floor were occupied by John Pressly, his wife and four children. They all got out in advance of the Ryans, but Mr. Pressly and his oldest son afterward went back to their rooms and procured articles which they wished to save. They escaped a second time by climbing out of a front window to a projecting show window of Mr. Ryan's shop. are delayed, and in some cases abandoned. The thermom-ster has ranged from 10° above zero to 15° below and is steadily falling. St. John, N. B., Feb. 28.—A severe snow-storm prevails POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 28.-Eight inches of FOUR DEAD BODIES FOUND.

snow fell in the Hudson River Valley to-day. It was wet and heavy, breaking down telegraph and telephone wires, but caused no delay to travel. From No. 324 Stanton-st. all the occupants escaped easily, because the stairs were on the west side of the building while the flames were burning on the east side. The fire had started in a PROMINENT INDIANA DEMOCRATIC PAPER HOISTS narrow space between the two buildings, and the stairway in No. 326 was close to this space. It took the firemen less than twenty minutes to extinguish WABASH, Ind., Feb 28 .- The Wabash Courier, the fire. Then they began a search for the bodies, wned and edited by Lee Linn, who, for nearly ten years which were believed to be in the rooms of the past, has ranked among the leading Democrats of North-ern Indiana, will had down the colors of that party tonorrow, and hoist in their stead the Republican banner
The Courser will be remembered as the paper which by printing an interview held with Hon. Thomas A.

Hendricks last summer, originated the boom for the old ticket-Tiden and Hendricks. Although it has always upported the State and National candidates of its party with vigor, the paper for a year or two has exhibited a lukewarmness in local campaigns that displeases a likewarmness in local campaigns that displeased many Democrats. None of them are aware to-sight, however, that any change in the political com-plexion of the paper is contemplated. The Courier is recognized throughout the State as one of the leading journals of Indiana, and the sudden change of front on the eve of a campaign of more than ordinary importance is destined to work the Democrats in all parts of Indiana serious injury, while the value of the paper to the Repub-lican party is inestimable.

the fire. Then they began a search for the bodies, which were believed to be in the rooms of the Van Riper family. Portions of the roof had been burned, away, and snow fell into the rooms as the firemen entered. The rooms were small, and the firemen could easily reach the rafters with their hands. In one room was a stove, a dish-closet, table, several chairs and an open sofa bed on which Van Riper and his wife had slept. Near a front window of that room lay the bodies of Van Riper's oldest and youngest eniliten, Jennie Cornelia, age thirteen, and Cornelius, two years old. The girl had carried her little brother to the window, probably intending to follow her mother. Both of their bodies were burned badly. The adjoing bedroom, in which the three children had slept, was so small that the low bed nearly filled it. Beside the bed, was the body of Van Riper, partly dreased; the body of his son Albert, nine years old, lay on the bod. The bodies were taken to the poice station in Houston-st, and placed on the floor beside that of Mrs. Van Riper, was forty years old and was employed in a bakery at No. 88 Elizabeth-st. William Van Riper, his brother, who lives in Williamsburg, was sent for, and remained at the station for several hours waiting for Coroner Merkle, who did not arrive until afternoon. Another brother, Thomas Van Riper, lives in Holyoke, Mass. Mrs. Van Riper was thirty-two years old and was about to become a mother. Her malden name was Carpen er. Two of her brothers, Edwin and Charles Carpenter, live at Nos. 33 and 70 Lewisst. They made arrangements to have the bodies to the removal of the b dies to an undertaker's shop were not obtained from Coroner Merkle until after 1 p. m., and the relatives were indignant at his delay in going to the station.

THE CAUSE OF 'HE FIRE NOT KNOWN.

had been read of by the captain, and he concinned to try
it. He accordingly secured two canvas bags, and, filling
them with fish-oil, lowered them from the vessel's bow, so
that the oil would coze from the bags and mingle with
the seas. A good result was perceptible almost immediately. It quieted the waters, and he says he believes it
saved the ship from having her decks swept fore and afr.
The laboring and straining of the ship were terrible, and
for a time it was thought she would be lost. Two men
were injured during the hurricane, but the vessel received
no other damage than that mentioned. THE CAUSE OF THE PIRE NOT KNOWN. The cause of the fire was not ascertained. Some persons in the neighborhood said that vagrants often went into the yard to sleep, and it was thought that a tramp might have set fire to the buildings. The firemen said that the fire started above the second story in the space—about four inches—between the old frame houses. Probably it was caused by a spark from one of the channeys. The flames did not extend below the second floor of either house. The damage to both houses will not exceed \$500. Robert Mosier, of No. 272 Broome-st., owns No. 324. On the top floor of that house lived the families of Patrick Corr and Jacob Hermlis, who lost about \$200. Jacob Kelly and his family and Mrs. Mary McShea lived on the second floor, where the loss was trifling. There was no damage on the first floor. The furniture of the Van Riper family was destroyed. Its value was less than \$100. It was said that Van Riper and his children had their lives insured for \$100 each. The articles which were destroyed in Weaver's room were of small value. The furniture of the Ryans and of the Pressly family was damaged by water, and the rooms on the second floor were made temporarily until for use.

Fire Marshai Sheldon was informed of the freearly in the day, and his assistants began an investigation. The buildings belong to a class upon which fire escapes are not required under the present law. Mr. Ryan said that he never had been asked to place fire escapes upon his building. SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28,--Circuit Judge story in the space-about four inches-between the favor of the Central, Southern and Northern Pacific rail-Mateo and Colusa counties. The attorney for the rail-roads stated that the companies would waive judgment and pay the face of the taxes. This causes a loss to the State of \$1.000,000, the difference between the face of the taxes and the amount sued for. PITTSBURG, Feb. 28 .- The coal miners of the hird pool mangurated a strike to-day for the district price, 34 cents per bushel. Fifteen hundred men are out, and only twenty-two are working in the entire ool. An assessment of \$1 per week on each miner in the tree other pools has been levied to support the strikers, ad if this strike fails, a general suspension will be

voted to erect a library building in connection with the institution, at a cost of \$50,000. Funds for the immediate construction of a chapel at Hanover was obtained to-day from E. Ashton Bollins, of Philadelphia. RICHMOND CEDAR WORKS BURNED. RICHMOND, Feb. 28 .- The Cedar Works buildings on the Manchester side were totally destroyed by fire to-day. The company's loss will reach \$75,000. Over BRUSSELS, Feb. 28 .- Albani concluded her 150 men and boys are thrown out of employment. Flying engagement here last night by a representation of "La-cia dt Lammermoor." She had previously appeared in "Rigoletto," "Medistofele," "Traviata" and "Faust." Her sluging created great enthusiasm. Numberless bouquets were bestowed upon her. The Queen was present at every performance of the diva. sparks set fire to several buildings, all of which were saved, however, with the ex eption of G. P. Stacy's shuck factory, which was entirely consumed. 'His loss is about \$15,000. The Cedar Works Company's insurance is over \$60,000, as follows: Imperial, of London, and Royal, of Liverpool, \$5,000 each; London and Lancashire, \$4,750; Liverpool, \$5,000 each; London and Laneashire, \$4,750; Connecticut, \$3,500; Northern, of London, and Southern, of New-Orieans, \$2,750 each; Fire Association of Philadelphia, Niagara, London Assurance, and Washington Fire and Marine, \$2,000 each; Commercial Union, Phusnix, of London, and Lion, \$2,000 each; Rochester, Germania, and British American, \$1,500 each; Germania, Norwich, Union, National, and Star, \$1,000 each; Seurity, and Citizens' Mutual, \$1,375 each. Stacy has policies in the Queen tor \$3,750; Portsmouth for \$2,000; Clay Western for \$1,750; North British and Mercantile, City of London, and Hartford, for \$1,000 each, and for \$3,500 in home commander. PHYSBURG, Feb. 28—The challenge of George Smith, sprinter, to run any other foot-racer in the country 100 yards for from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a side, has been accepted by M. K. Kettleman, of Harper, Kan.

VALUABLE PATTERNS DESTROYED. The pattern shop of E. D. Cobbes, brass and iron foundry, at Van Brunt and Summit sts., caught fire last evening. The building was damaged to the extent of \$5,000, and patterns worth \$50,000 were destroyed All were insured. While at work putting out the fire passel J. Gerry, oreman of Truck No. 1, and "Jerry Delancy feel into a pit five feet deep, in the foundry floor, and received severe injuries.

REPUDIATING THEIR REPRESENTATIVE

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MECHANICSVILLE, Feb. 28.—The statement recently sent out from Schemectady that engine No. 13 of the Boston and Hoosen Tunnel line had killed three persons within three weeks, is false. The engine never killed a person in the boston of the boston in the boston of the boston BOSTON'S TELEPHONES DISABLED.

BOSTON, Feb. 28.—A severe snow-storm in this city and vicinity completely wrecked the telephone wires and the wires of the fire alarm system to-day. The wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company were rendered practically useless for a large part of the day, the telephone wires failing upon them. SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 28 .- Nothing could exceed the surprise and indignation with which the Democrats of Utah re ceive, the news that John T. Caine had been assigned a place on the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. It is regarded by them as false personation, as the true D-mocrats of Utah, who aiways kept up their party organization, regard aversion and disgust Mr. Caine's political church an its works, and utterly refuse to have any attitation him or them.